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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

The reference listed on Form PTO-1449 is the English-language equivalent of Japanese Published Patent Application No. 1-502164 cited in the enclosed Office Action issued April 28, 2009 in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-316865.

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